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SUBJECT: SWEDEN RECOGNIZES GUINEA-BISSAU

REF: STOCKHOLM 3013

1. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TODAY (AUGUST 9) ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD DECIDED TO RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND HAD NOTIFIED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THAT COUNTRY OF ITS DECISION.

2. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS (BERNER) INFORMED POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT, WHILE GOS HAD EARLIER PLANNED TO WAIT AT LEAST UNTIL MID-AUGUST TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU (REFTEL), THE WALDHEIM VISIT TO PORTUGAL HAD PERSUADED THE GOS THAT IT SHOULD WAIT NO LONGER TO ACT. POLCOUNS ASKED IF SWEDES HAD INFORMED PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IN ADVANCE OF ITS MOVE. BERNER REPLIED THAT PORTUGUESE HAD BEEN INFORMALLY NOTIFIED OF GOS' PLANS, AND WHILE PORTUGUESE HAD REGRETTED TIMING, BERNER'S IMPRESSION WAS THAT LISBON GOVERNMENT HAD NOT BEEN DEEPLY UPSET BY MOVE. BERNER ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FINNISH GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU TODAY.

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON WHETHER SWEDISH RECOGNITION INCLUDED CAPE VERDE ISLANDS, BERNER SAID THE RECOGNITION STATEMENT DELIBERATELY AVOIDED ANY REFERENCE TO CAPE VERDE SINCE THE GOS HAS TAKEN NO POSITION ON THE TERRITORY ENCOMPASSED IN THE NEW STATE. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS ON THIS POINT, HE SAID MINISTRY OFFICIALS WILL SIMPLY REPLY THAT THEY HAVE NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON CAPE VERDE QUESTION.
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